

# Fighting at Some Points Vicious, But Positions Generally Unchanged

now making their second advance toward Sarajevo capital of Bosnia. The two armies formed a junction near Visegrad, which the Montenegrins have occupied. They expect to be before Sarajevo within three or four days.

The first Boer rebel to pay the extreme penalty was Captain Fourie, a former officer in the Union defense force, executed at Pretoria this morning. This would seem to indicate that any of the officers of the Union defense force who joined the rebellion, especially the leaders, will be severely dealt with.

## KAISER DECLARES LORD AIDED HIS HEROIC TROOPS

KARLSRUHE, December 20 (via Berlin to London).—Grand Duchess Louise of Baden has received the following telegram from Emperor William: "Field Marshal von Hindenburg has just reported that the Russian army, after desperate fighting, retreats, and is being pursued along the entire front. It is evident that the Lord aided our heroic troops. To Him alone is due the honors."

## ALLIES REPORT NIGHT PROGRESS IN WEST

PARIS, December 20 (16:41 P. M.).—The following official communication was issued by the French War Office this afternoon: "From the sea to the Lys we have

gained a little ground before Neuport and Saint Georges.

"To the east and south of Ypres, where the enemy reinforced his organizations, defensive artillery battles occurred, and there was slight progress."

"From the Lys to the Oise the allied forces have seized a portion of the German trenches of the first line in the direction of running through Richebourg L'Avoue, and Givency Les Labasse."

"To the southeast of Albert the trench captured by us on the 17th near Marcourt and lost on the 18th, was recaptured yesterday."

"In the region of Lihons, the Germans twice attacked and very violently for the purpose of retaking the trenches won by us on the 18th. They were repulsed."

"From the Oise to the Argonne the superiority of our artillery continues to be manifested by the interruption of the enemy's fire, the destruction of machine gun shelters and observatories and the dispersion of a considerable number of troops."

"In the Argonne, in the forest of La Grurie, we have repulsed three attacks, two upon Fontaine Madame, one at Sainte Hubert."

"Between the Argonne and the Vosges there has been no salient incident to report."

"The official communication to-night says: 'There is no modification to report along any part of the front.'"

## GERMANS BEAT OFF

BERLIN, December 20 (by wireless to London, 3:15 P. M.).—The German army headquarters here today gave out an official communication as follows:

"On the west front the enemy has ceased his unsuccessful attacks upon us in the vicinity of Neuport and Hixschote. The attacks near Lahasse which were made by the French and English were beaten off with heavy loss to the enemy. Two hundred colored and English prisoners were captured. Six hundred bodies of English soldiers lay on our front near Notre Dame de Lorette."

"Southeast of Bethune we lost a trench sixty metres long, which was taken by the enemy. Our losses were insignificant."

"We made some progress in the Argonne. We took three machine guns. On the frontiers of East and West Prussia the Russian reports are: 'In Poland the Russians are preparing strong positions near Rawa and Nidz. We are attacking them everywhere.'"

## VIOLENT FIGHTING

CONTINUES ON YSER  
AMSTERDAM, December 20 (via London, 1:15 A. M.).—The Sluis, Netherlands, correspondent of the Telegraaf sends the following:

"A dispatch says that violent fighting continues on the Yser. The fleet's guns were playing havoc in the German ranks. Traub's infantry was entering Bruges; most of the trains proceed eastward. The allies have not occupied Roulers, but the fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude."

## STILL NO DETAILS

OF ACTION AVAILABLE  
BERLIN, December 20 (via wireless).—The official press bureau today gave out the following items:

"Although certain observers still attribute belief in the German victory in the east will insure against danger of Russian invasion for all time, it is beginning to be realized that the victory, as complete as it is, is not synonymous with utter destruction of the Russian hosts, and that much remains to be done. There still are no details regarding the action available."

"The Vienna Neuf Presse publishes the suggestion of an unnamed general that the rear guard engagements of the retreating army may be designed not only to save the Russians' trains, but also to give reinforcements time to come. Upon whether they will be supplied with enough fresh troops, he says, will depend whether the success already achieved will be of lasting value."

"A Vienna report, describing heavy fighting at Krosno and along the upper Danube River, shows that the Russians there still are capable of determined resistance. Private advice shows that the Russians are retreating in the Carpathians northward from Mukachevo without fighting."

"Another factor that contains a warning against too great expectations in Poland is that the retreating Russians are getting nearer their base of supplies, which is reported to be getting farther away in a country of terrible highways. Despite this there is complete confidence that Field Marshal von Hindenburg will be able to finish what he has begun."

"Reports of fighting at many places in Flanders has caused speculation as to whether the long-expected general attack of the allies may not have been begun. The allies' continuous aggression the last few days justifies the supposition that considerable forces have been brought into activity by them."

## IMPORTANCE OF GAINS

NOT MEASURED BY YARDS  
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German counterattack on the night of December 16 and 17, near Lombaertzyde, was repulsed, and the Germans were driven slowly to the east and south of Neuport. They lost about 100 soldiers and marines, who were captured by the French.

"From a prisoner, who was captured on the 14th, it was ascertained that both the Twenty-third Regiment and the Jagers suffered enormous losses on the 4th of November. He added that the German troops are suffering greatly from the water in their trenches."

"There is evidence that certain of the units facing us are much under their normal strength. The opposition now encountered seems to be of a different kind in the beginning of October when we first reached the Franco-Belgian frontier, and before the Germans brought up their full force and assumed the defensive. One great difference is that the enemy is in much greater force, and their positions are much stronger and better organized than they were two months ago."

"When it is reported that the terms that 'ground has been gained' at a certain point, topographically the gain may amount to only a few yards, but actually the progress implied by even such a small step forward may be important."

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## STIGMA OF BABY-KILLERS WILL REST ON GERMANS

Bombardment of English Coast Towns Reveals Frenzy of Their Hatred.

CAUTION THROWN TO WINDS  
Winston Churchill, First Lord of Admiralty, in Letter to Mayor of Scarborough, Expresses Navy's Sympathy for Recent Losses.

LONDON, December 20 (8:30 P. M.).—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a letter to the Mayor of Scarborough, expresses the sympathy of the navy at the losses sustained through the German bombardment of that place.

"We await with patience the opportunity that will surely come," continues the letter. "But, viewed in its larger aspect, the incident is one of the most instructive and encouraging things that has happened in the war."

"Nothing proves more plainly the effectiveness of the British naval pressure than the frenzy of hatred aroused against us in the breast of the enemy."

"This hatred already has passed the frontiers of reason, it clouds their vision, darkens their judgment and convulses their movements. We see a nation of military calculators throwing calculation to the winds, of strategists who have lost their sense of proportion."

"Practically the whole of the fast cruiser force of the German navy, including some great ships that are vital to their fleet, are being sacrificed, have been risked for the passing pleasure of killing as many English people as possible, irrespective of age or sex, in the limited time available."

"To this act of military and political folly they were impelled by violence of feelings which could find no other vent. This should confirm us in our course. Their hate is a measure of their fear. Its senseless expression is proof of their impotence and the seal of their dishonor."

"Whatever feats the German navy may hereafter perform, the stigma of baby-killers of Scarborough will overshadow its officers and men, while sailors sail the sea."

GERMAN VICTORY  
DUE TO MILITARISM  
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entials of the democracies of the United States and Great Britain.

"In spite of the talk about militarism, it must be remembered that while the German army, a purely defensive force provided by a nation surrounded by powerful arms and aggressive neighbors, has cost about \$600,000,000 a year, there social insurance system, which has safeguarded the masses of the German people has enormously reduced mortality, and added to the productive efficiency of the masses, has amounted to 1,200,000 marks a year, and the increase of German national wealth acquired through peaceful and intelligent industry has increased annually about \$600,000,000 marks."

"The German forces take the line of the Vistula and dominate Poland they will be in a position to spare enough troops to crush the allies on the west side of Europe. After this smashing blow it will take the Russian army many months to reorganize for a new campaign."

"The desperate situation in which Russia now finds herself is clearly indicated by the obvious efforts of the allies to persuade Japan to send troops into the European field of war. They see defeat staring them in the face."

JAPAN MAY BE OFFERED  
TREMENDOUS INDUCEMENT  
"Japan cannot be drawn into the European field without some tremendous inducement."

"There can be little doubt that Japan can be induced to send her troops into Europe only on an understanding that China will be abandoned to her, and that the islands of the Pacific will be permanently turned over to her."

"The brilliant raid of a squadron of German warships upon the coast of England is another illustration of the high intelligence and initiative of the German navy."

ENEMY'S ADVANCE TROOPS  
REPULSED BY AUSTRIANS  
VIENNA (via London, 11:15 P. M.).—December 22.—The following official statement was issued today:

"In the Carpathians the enemy's advanced troops in the district of Latocze were repulsed yesterday. To the northwest of Lupkow Pass, a great battle is developing. Our attack on the front comprising Krosno and Zaklicza has gained ground everywhere. In the Biala Valley, our troops have advanced to Tuchow, the mouth of Tarnow. The battle along the lower Danube continues."

"The Russians recently appeared with strong forces in the Galicia. In South Poland they have reached the Nida River."

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"There are something like 200,000 British troops fighting on the Continent out of a nation of 49,000,000 inhabitants, while Germany, with a population of 68,000,000, has more than 5,000,000 soldiers in the field to-day."

"There is a certain recognized insular selfishness in the English which will be started violently into life by these powerful German attacks on the English coast. With German invasion plainly staring them in the face, nothing can be more certain than the English will selfishly prefer to keep their soldiers at home for their own defense."

"With Germany attacking the English shores—and nothing can be more certain than that this German naval raid will be followed up by more powerful and more successful ones—the new peril of invasion will stir into life the peculiarly English instinct of self-preservation, and will prove a powerful answer to those who have claimed that the British government was justified in the pressure of the war."

ATTACK WILL DEMORALIZE  
BRITISH GENERALLY  
"From a military standpoint the justification of the German direct attack upon the coast of England is that it will not only demoralize the British generally, but will compel them to retain their troops for the defense of their own shores and cities, and thus relieve the German army largely from the pressure of the British assistance on the Continent."

"Of course, no nation can be justified in shedding blood or in destroying property, even in war, unless it should serve a distinct military purpose. The German direct naval attack on England itself will undoubtedly change the whole idea of the war."

"The English must now stand on guard on their own territory; otherwise the conquest of England by Germany will be an absolute certainty."

"There can be no greater mistake than to suppose that Germany has not enough men to carry on this war to a victorious end. It is a literal fact that there are millions of men of military age trained to arms who have not yet been called to the front."

"For instance, the Landsturm, consisting of about 3,000,000 men, has not yet been sent to the fighting front. Besides that, the regular army levy for 1915, consisting of about 720,000 men, is just now being trained, and almost at the moment for service in the field."

"The supreme discipline of the German forces to-day, which is overcoming, and will completely overcome, the enemies of Germany, has its deepest root in the thoroughly imparted idea that a nation can only be strong when it responds obediently to constituted authority."

"You may call this militarism if you will, but it lies at the very foundation of that German efficiency which has raised the German people from the weakness of scattered principalities and kingdoms to an empire that has taught the whole world how to achieve the most beneficial lines of production, how to make the individual subordinate his own habits and his own interests to the strength and success of the social whole, and how to cheapen the necessities of life for the whole civilized world."

"Russia will be crushed because she has not made herself fit to live in her present state among the family of civilized nations."

"Her allies in Western Europe will be crushed because they are not fighting with the consciousness that the supreme demands of civilization are at stake."

U. S. URGED TO ADOPT  
FAIRER ORIENTAL POLICY  
Appeal Made by Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

SENT TO LEADING OFFICIALS  
Congress Is Asked to Take Up Entire Emigration Problem at Early Date—Future Relations Depend Upon Western Nations.

NEW YORK, December 20.—An appeal to the Federal officials to adopt an Oriental policy based upon a just and equitable regard for the interests of all the nations concerned, has been sent out by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through its commission on relations with Japan. It was announced this night.

An appeal sent to President Wilson, Cabinet members, Senators and Representatives, is signed by Dr. Charles H. Brown, dean of Yale Divinity School; Prof. J. W. Jenks, of Columbia; Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent; Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, representative on the Eastern Board of the Y. M. C. A., of St. Louis; Dr. Frederick Lynch, secretary of the Carnegie Church Peace Union; John R. Mott, secretary of the International Young Men's Christian Association; the Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, secretary of the council; William A. Haven, Charles R. Henshaw, Albert C. Lawson, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Dr. Frank Mason, Dr. Doremus Scudder, Robert E. Speer, George F. Vincent and Amos P. Wilder.

ATTITUDE WILL DEPEND  
ON WESTERN NATIONS  
The awakening of Asia and her rapid acquisition of important elements of Occidental civilization inaugurate a new era in world history in which Asia is to play a new and increasingly important role. Whether this shall be one of peace, good will and mutual co-operation, or one controlled by increasing suspicion and fear between the East and West will depend largely upon the attitude of the Western nations themselves."

"It has seemed to many of our citizens who have become familiar with the questions raised by this movement, that a more intimate and ever-increasing contact with the Orient that the United States might well adopt a more adequate Oriental policy."

"Therefore, be it resolved, That the commission on relations with Japan, appointed by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, urge upon Congress and upon the people of the United States the importance of adopting an Oriental policy based upon a just and equitable regard for the interests of all the nations concerned, and to this end suggests that the entire emigration problem be taken up at an early date, providing for comprehensive legislation covering all phases of the question (such as the limitation of immigration and the registration, distribution, education and naturalization of immigrants), practically in such a way as to conserve American institutions, to promote the progress and to promote economic competition and to promote an intelligent and enduring friendship among the poor of all nations."

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## BRITISH "THUNDERER" REPORTED DESTROYED

Passenger Arriving From Liverpool Tells of Rumor Regarding Loss of Great Dreadnought.

NEW YORK, December 20.—A report that the British Dreadnought Thunderer was sunk in the North Sea on November 7 by coming into contact with a mine, or being hit by a torpedo, was brought here to-day by George Rottweiler, of Chicago, a passenger on the steamship St. Louis from Liverpool.

According to Rottweiler, the sinking of the Dreadnought was witnessed by eight men, members of the crew of a small Swedish sailing ship called the Seeford, that put into Liverpool with survivors from the Dreadnought on board.

"These men were taken in charge by British officers, and were kept under surveillance in an out-of-the-way sailors' mission," said Mr. Rottweiler. "I heard of the report in a roundabout way, and through a friend I managed to talk with one of the crew. He told me that the Thunderer blew up and sank in full view of himself and his mates on the Seeford. The crew hastened to the scene and a dozen or so of the men were picked up from the water."

Mr. Rottweiler said he is the European representative of the Western Metals Products Company, of Chicago. The report of the sinking of the Thunderer may be true, because the British suppressed all news of the sinking of the Audacious.

## KINGS PLAN TO COMBINE RESPECTIVE INTERESTS

STOCKHOLM (via London), December 20.—King Christian of Denmark, King Gustav of Sweden, and King Haakon of Norway, who, with the foreign ministers, were in conference at Malmo on Friday and Saturday of a plan to combine their respective interests during the war, have reached an agreement on the special question raised. An official communication issued here to-day outlined the proceedings substantially as follows:

"The meeting was inaugurated by day with a speech by King Gustav, who alluded to the unanimous deal of the kingdoms of the north to preserve neutrality, and pointed to the desirability of limited co-operation between the kingdoms as a safeguard for their common interests. He said was impressed with a deep sense of the responsibility which could be incurred if any measure which would contribute to the welfare of the three peoples were neglected."

"King Haakon and King Christian, replying cordially to their sincere greetings, called the conference, and expressing hope that it would have happy results. The deliberations consolidated the good relations among the three kingdoms, and also enabled an agreement to be reached on the special question raised. It finally was agreed to pursue the co-operation so happily begun and to arrange, when circumstances should occur, for fresh meetings between representatives of the three governments."

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DAVIS.—The funeral of MISS ELLA A. DAVIS, who died Sunday at 1 A. M., will take place from the home of her sister, Mrs. Logan S. Robins, 1412 Park Avenue, at 3 P. M. MONDAY.

MOSBY.—The funeral of J. A. MOSBY, JR., will take place from the Second Presbyterian Church MONDAY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock.